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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 5, line 19 to page 6, line 3, with the following:

"In another particular embodiment, shown in Figs 2a-2d, the hex nut shaped engageable member is formed from a repeatable, continuous pattern in the deformable planar material. The repeatable, continuous pattern minimizes waste from unused portions of the deformable planar material between the cutouts of the hex nut shaped engageable member. Referring to Figs. 2a-2d, the engageable member 30 is cut from the pattern shown in Fig. 2a. The repeatable, continuous pattern shown in Fig. 2a allows all of the deformable planar material to be utilized. Referring to Fig. 2b, a segment 40 of the deformable planar material is cut partially across along parallel lines 32. Referring to Fig. 2c, the deformable planar material 40 is deformed along the dotted line 34, defined by a line perpendicular to the end of the cutting of the parallel lines 32, thereby forming the integral attachment surfaces 36a-36f. The deformable planar material is then deformed along the parallel lines 32 to form outside convex edges 33 substantially evenly spaced apart from each other and defining an interior polygon 35 with substantially opposed sides 20a-20f. In the embodiment shown, each of the opposed sides 20a-20f is disposed substantially 120°1200 with respect to the adjacent side, thereby forming a hexagon, however other polygons can be formed by varying the number of sides."

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, lines 8-24 with the following:

"Figs. 6a-6f6b show yet another embodiment in which a continuous, repeatable pattern is employed in fabricating the engageable member. Referring to Figs. 6a and 6b a plurality of legs 70a-70f are cut from the deformable planar material 40. A polygonal body portion 72 is also cut from the portion between the legs 70a-70f. A bend line 74 is defined on each of the legs 70a-70f, and

corresponds to the width of the polygonal body portion 72. Referring to Fig. 6c, each of the legs 70 is deformed in a perpendicular manner to form an attachment portion 76. Referring to Figs. 6b and 6d, the polygonal body portion 72 is deformed at substantially equal distances and angles along bend lines 78 to form a polygonal shape 80 comprising a plurality of opposed sides 20a-20f. Each of the opposed sides 20a-20f has a width corresponding to the width of the legs 70a-70f. Referring to Fig. 6e, each of the legs 70a-70f is attached to a corresponding one of the opposed sides 20a-20f of the polygonal body portion 72 at the attachment portion 76. The legs may be attached by any suitable means, such as adhesive or spot welding, and may be attached to either the interior or exterior of the polygonal shape 80. Referring to Fig. 6f, the resulting engageable member 82 is strengthened from the double walls comprised of the opposed sides 20a-20f of the polygonal body portion 72 and the attachment portion 76 of legs 70a-70f."

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 25 – page 8, line 7 with the following:

"Figs. 7a-7f shows an alternate embodiment employing a strengthening bar to strengthen the opposed sides of the hex shape. Referring to Figs. 7a and 7b, a plurality of portions 90 are cut from a sheet of the deformable planar material 40. A waste portion 92 between the portions 90 is discarded. Each portion 90 has legs 94a-94f extending from a spine 96. The spine includes an integral, continuous strengthening bar 98 defined by the material extending beyond the legs 94. Referring to Figs. 7c and 7d, the strengthening bar 98 is deformed 180° 1890 back over the spine 96, thereby forming a double walled portion 100. The double walled portion 100 is then deformed along the cut lines 104 of legs 94a-94f into a polygonal shape 80 having opposed sides 102a-102f defined by the legs 94a-94f. Referring to Fig. 7f, the legs 94a-94f are deformed outward so as to form an attachment surface to be attached to an object for rotation. In this manner, the double walled portion 100, when deformed in to the

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polygonal shape 80 provides a strengthened hex nut shape so as to absorb additional shear and compressive forces against the opposed sides 102a-102f when engaged by an engaging member."

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 8, lines 22-29 with the following:

"Figs 9a-9f show another embodiment cut from a continuous, repeatable pattern and having double wall segments. Referring to Figs. 9a and 9b, a continuous, repeatable pattern similar to that of Fig. 6a is cut in a sheet of deformable planar material 40 to yield a cut portion 130. Double wall segments 132, continuous and integral with the portion 130, are each folded 180° 1800 to form a double wall 134. The double wall is then deformed as above into a polygonal shape such as a hexagon 136. The legs 138 are then deformed at the edge of the double wall 134 to provide an attachment surface to a rotatable object."

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 9, lines 20-31 with the following:

"Figs. 12a-12d show another embodiment including an intermediate attachment surface. The intermediate attachment surface 180 is adapted to mate with the attachment surface of the engageable member using any suitable embodiment described above, such as the engageable member 30 shown in Fig. 2d. The intermediate attachment surface 180 has a greater attachment area 182 than the attachment surface 186184 of the engageable member 30. In this manner, the engageable member 30 may be attached to the intermediate attachment surface 180, and then the intermediate attachment surface may be attached to the end surface 184 of the rotatable object 20 such as an oil filter. Since the intermediate attachment surface 180 has a greater attachment area 182, it provides greater torque to be transferred from the engageable member 30 to the rotatable object 20. Attachment methods which may have compromised the surface of the rotatable object 20, such as welding, may now be distributed over a larger area on the end surface 184 on the rotatable object 20."